



Newport News



"Point Plaza Suites is a full-service hotel and conference center which is located in the heart of the business district of City Center at Oyster Point and convenient to many of Virginia's local attractions. The hotel's 150 guestrooms feature first class amenities. Two room executive suites come complete with private bedrooms, living room area and full kitchen. Heated indoor swimming pool, BBQ pavilion and Chatfield's Bar and Grill at the property will help you feel right at home. Uniquely yours...that's the Point.

10,000 square feet of meeting space is the perfect place to say "I do".

Point Plaza Suites wanted to be part of Virginia Green to environmentally help our community and to give our guests the option to do the same. Point Plaza Suites encourages all guests to protect our wildlife and recycle to reduce the environmental impact of waste."

GREEN ACTIVITIES



Optional Linen Service. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
- Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals



Recycling and Waste Reduction. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Provide the opportunity for guests to recycle: plastic bottles, aluminum cans, , newspaper, office paper
- Have recycling bins located: through out the hotel, in the lobby, and recycling locations in the parking lot for guests

- Also recycle office paper, toner cartridges, cardboard
- Track overall solid waste costs

Guest rooms

- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items

Kitchen (or meetings/events)

- Recycle fryer grease and/or filter grease prior to recycling
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste

Dining room (or meetings/events)

- Use disposable foodservice items that are made with recycled content
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles

Office

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

Building and grounds

- Use latex low or no-VOC paints
- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping



Water Conservation. The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater

Activities indoors

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed:
 - Low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)



Energy Conservation. The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills

Heating and cooling

- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed in HVAC system is on

Lighting

- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms

Appliances and electronic devices

- Have adopted a policy / practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other device in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used



Green Events Package. The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:

- Promote the availability of “green meetings/conferences” in marketing packages
- Water stations instead of bottled water

For more information on Point Plaza Suites see www.pointplazasuities.com or contact Diane DeWitt at diane@beckcompanyhotels.com or 757-599-4460.

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia’s campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia’s tourism industry. *Virginia Green* is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation. The program has established “core activities” specific to each sector of tourism; these practices are the minimum requirements for participation in the program, but encourages participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen or www.virginiagreentravel.org.

